

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Our Interest in
The Elections

THE apathy of the British voters to the general election campaign obviously is disappointing and disconcerting to the candidates; but to party organisers it is alarming, for if the same attitude is adopted by the electorate on Thursday, there could be an innumerable number of upset results, particularly in constituencies where there is a split vote.

But public indifference to the election campaign can in part be attributed to the contestants who appear to have shied clear of controversy at the hustings. The campaign has been dull and uninteresting largely because the candidates have made it so. A further deterrent to large attendances at public meetings has been TV. The two main parties have made full use of this medium for submitting their programmes and arguments, and when these can be heard in the comfort of one's home, why should the voter bother to attend meetings merely to hear a repetitive exposition of the same causes?

A THIRD popular explanation for the public's apathetic attitude is that the "floating" voters—that important segment of the electorate owing no fixed allegiance to any political party—have already made up their minds how they are going to poll this week and require no further persuasion. This is a bold assumption, and probably erroneous. The unattached voters seldom make themselves visible at election hustings. The floating vote remains an unaccountable factor, and how it is likely to wield its decisive power on polling day is not to be assessed by the size of the audience at the election hustings.

But if apathy has dominated the campaign in Britain, there will be no absence of interest here in the outcome of the election. Hongkong can be affected by the result in more than one important direction.

THE return of the Socialists to power might involve drastic new policies in the Board of Trade which could have a heavy and unhappy impact on Hongkong. The Socialists have been insistent that the Conservative government has not done enough to help the Lancashire textile industry, and although the Labour Party has not gone so far as to declare they are in favour of a revision of the Imperial Preference regulations or to apply quotas on imported processed textiles, one of these two actions would seem to be the only effective way of still further protecting Lancashire from overseas competition in the Home markets.

The Conservatives have several times declared that to do more than they have to assist Lancashire must involve complicated changes of policy of far-reaching consequences. The entire Commonwealth and the colonies would be implicated, and the net result, to British industries as a whole might be disastrous in the long run. Acknowledging this, the Tories refuse to introduce fundamental trading policy changes.

NUR NOT TO JOIN STRIKE

Eden Wants 'Ample Time' At Big Four Conference

Birmingham, May 23. Sir Anthony Eden said here tonight the British government had "no rigid ideas" about the place and duration of the projected four-power top-level meeting with Russia.

The Prime Minister said it was "not unreasonable" for the Russian government to express their views on these questions as they had done in Pravda, the Soviet newspaper.

He added: "For our part, we have no rigid ideas on these points, but I want us to have ample time at the meeting."

"No one, however, has the right to question our motives in issuing the invitation."

Addressing an election meeting here, Sir Anthony Eden said "our purpose is to set in motion a process of negotiation which will open the way towards better relations between East and West."

It was quite natural, he said, that the Russian government should require time to decide upon their answer to the formal Western invitation to the meeting at the highest level some 10 days ago.

WILL BE FAVOURABLE But he had every reason to suppose that it would be favourable.

The Prime Minister noted "with pleasure" that Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, had accepted the United Nations invitation to San Francisco for the end of June.

Mr. Eden said the Foreign Secretary's acceptance would be despatched immediately.

"This will be a convenient occasion to continue the conversations begun in Vienna," Sir Anthony Eden said.—Reuter.

£17,000 In Damages

London, May 23. A 20-year-old Londoner, Miss Pauline Pitcher, who lost all power of movement after a road accident three years ago, was today in the London High Court awarded £17,000 agreed damages.

Counsel said that she had retained only the one sensory power of hearing and that the only thing she could now appreciate was listening to the radio or to someone reading to her.

Her expectation of life was put at 12 years.

Miss Pitcher was a passenger in a private car involved in a road collision with a commercial vehicle. She was unconscious with skull, spine and pelvic injuries for four months afterwards.

Her father, Mr. William Pitcher, was also today awarded £2,000 agreed expenses in addition to the costs of the action.—China Mail Special.

More Outrages

Casablanca, May 24. Two Moroccans were attacked on Monday evening by unidentified assailants in Casablanca. One was killed outright, and the other is in hospital where his condition was said to be serious.

One Moroccan was killed and another seriously wounded when they refused to respond to a policeman's challenge in the central district of Casablanca on Monday, and a Moroccan workman, employed by the Shell Petroleum Company, was killed in the same district in the evening.

In another part of Casablanca, a home-made bomb exploded, wounding a 12-year-old Moroccan girl.—France-Press.

RETURNS HOME

London, May 23. Princess Margaret arrived here by air tonight after a one-day visit to British forces in West Germany.—Reuter.



Sir Anthony Eden photographed as he addressed an election campaign meeting last week.—London Express Photo.

Wind Shift Saves Town

Montague, Mich., May 23.

A gas line break at the Hooker Chemical Co. plant threatened for a time today to send this Muskegon County town's 1,500 residents in a mass evacuation to escape deadly chlorine fumes.

But a wind shift sent the fumes out over Lake Michigan and plans to evacuate the city were called off.

Montague schools sent more than 1,000 pupils home when the break was first discovered and the gas began sitting over the city.

"There's still quite a bit of gas hanging in the air near the Hooker plant, but everything appears to be under control," said a Fire Department spokesman, "a radio station came out with an announcement telling the people of Montague to evacuate the city, but I don't believe anyone did."—United Press.

BEVAN ON WHAT BRITONS WANT

Brecon, Wales, May 23. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Labour left-winger, declared here tonight: "The British people no longer want to tag along behind Washington."

"The British people want to be independent," he said. "We don't want a government in Britain that is entirely sympathetic to Washington."—Reuter.

US Repeats Offer To Chou En-Lai

Washington, May 23. The State Department today again invited Mr. Chou En-Lai, the Chinese Premier, States for a ceasefire in the Formosa area.

The latest appeal was made by Mr. Herbert Hoover, the Under-Secretary of State, who, in a speech before the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, noted it was almost exactly a month ago that Mr. Chou told the African-Asian conference at Bandung that he was willing to negotiate with the United States to ease Far East tensions.

Mr. Hoover said it was significant that Mr. Chou made his proposal at the end of the Bandung conference when the Chinese Premier may well have felt that to profess a peaceful and conciliatory attitude was his only alternative to a highly unfavourable reaction being shown by other delegations.

AMERICA'S HOPE "Nevertheless, we would like to hope that this proposal is genuine and that the Chinese Communists are now in a mood to permit a lessening of tensions in the Far East," Mr. Hoover added.

"Not only does the United States welcome the possibility of peaceful settlements—that has always been our traditional approach to world problems—but we are at all times prepared to explore the roads which may lead to an honourable peace."

"We welcome the further recent statement of Chou En-Lai that his regime may be willing to renounce war and accept peaceful processes in relation to the Formosa area."

At the same time, Mr. Hoover said certain friendly nations on their own initiative had approached the government in Peking to find out whether or not there was a possibility of any peaceful settlement under which the Chinese Communists would give up their announced intention to take Formosa and the Pescadores.

"Such proposals have been indignantly rejected by the Communists," he said.—Reuter.

No Signs Of Smaller Union Backing Down

DISLOCATION OF RAIL TRANSPORT

London, May 23.

Leaders of Britain's 378,000-strong National Union of Railwaymen decided today not to take part in a strike, threatened for midnight on Saturday, by 70,000 key footplate men belonging to another rail union.

But the strike, if it materialises, will still mean that four out of five trains scheduled to run over the country's nationalised railway system will not be manned.

It will also threaten supplies of food and raw materials, wreck the plans of hundreds of thousands of intending Whitsun weekend holiday makers, and present a major industrial headache to whichever political party is returned to power at next Thursday's general election.

The striking union, the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, are coming out in support of a wage claim for their members.

A strike threatened by the society for May 1 was called off following appeals by ministers and Labour leaders. On that occasion, too, the NUR had instructed its members to continue at work if the footplate men came out.

Yesterday's Meetings

This afternoon, a delegation from the general purposes committee of the Trades Union Congress met the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton.

They discussed with him the results of talks which they held this morning with leaders of the ASLEF.

The executive committee of the ASLEF also met at their headquarters this afternoon to hear a report from their officers on this morning's discussions with TUC leaders.

A union official said: "Our meeting this morning with the TUC was merely to explain our position."

Earlier today, Sir Walter Monckton had talks with Sir Brian Robertson, chairman of the British Transport Commission, which is responsible for running the national railway system.

Another round of talks is scheduled for tomorrow when ASLEF leaders are due to present their case to the Minister of Labour.—Reuter.

US Awaits Report By Menon

Washington, May 24.

Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon is expected to fly to Washington early next month with information which will determine whether the United States and Communist China can agree on a basis for direct negotiations on Formosa.

United States officials today privately expressed the closest interest in the Indian envoy's ten-day mission to Peking, where he sought details from the Chinese Premier on his twice stated offer to negotiate directly with the United States.

According to unofficial reports circulating in Washington, a "Menon plan" for bringing about a meeting of American and Chinese leaders had been put forward at Peking.

This three-point plan would call for:

1. Withdrawal of Nationalist troops from the offshore islands and renunciation of Nationalist plans to invade the mainland.

2. Renunciation of force on the Communist side with a "demonstration" of peaceful intent such as the release of the American airmen imprisoned as spies.

3. A five-nation meeting of two nations nominated by China, two nominated by the United States and India.—Reuter.

ATTLEE IS ANGRY

"Dirty Stunt" By Tories

London, May 23.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the Labour Party leader, branded an imitation food rationing card at an election meeting here today and stormed that it was "one of the dirtiest things ever put out as a Conservative stunt."

The 72-year-old Labour chief injected the first real heat into the campaign, which has now only three days to run, by bitterly attacking those responsible for issuing the cards.

The cards point up the allegation by some Conservatives that Labour, if returned to power in Thursday's election, would re-introduce food rationing, finally abolished by the Conservative government last July.

The "back to rationing" charge—hotly refuted by the Labour Party—has been simmering throughout the electioneering period, but few of its adherents have become so angry about it as Mr. Attlee today.

CALCULATED LIE Adding a large audience in his own constituency of Walthamstow, on London's northeastern fringe he declared: "This is just a cold, calculated lie designed to catch people who do not think."

As a wave of industrial disputes hit Britain today, with work at the main ports slowed down by a strike of stevedores and dockers, the Labour leader uttered a strong warning on "unofficial" strikes.

He told his Walthamstow audience that if these continued that they might bring attempts to curb trade unionism and prevent trade unions functioning for the protection of the workers.

"Trade unionists should think this matter over very carefully," he said.

One of the main fears of many Labour Party supporters in the present campaign—if returned to power, will introduce legislation to curb unofficial strikes which may also affect "legitimate" trade union collective action.—Reuter.

Fails To Form Government

The Hague, May 23. The former Netherlands Premier, Dr. Willem Drees whose government fell last May 17 declared today that he has given up the attempt to form a new government.

He said following a meeting with the steering committee of his party that any new government formed by him would not "have a sufficiently broad base."

It will now be up to Queen Juliana to designate another deputy to form a government.—France-Press.

Alpinist Breaks His Leg

Kathmandu, May 23. One member of the six-man Kenya expedition to Himalachuli has fractured a leg and is being evacuated to Pokhara, 80 miles west to Kathmandu, Mr. Iwao Naruse, Secretary of the Japanese Alpine Club, said today.

Mr. Naruse, who returned to Kathmandu from Pokhara three days ago, quoted Nepalese officials and a British missionary hospital for the report.

The British Embassy in New Delhi said they had no information of the accident.—China Mail Special.

REDS DEMAND MEETING

Munich, May 24. The United Nations Command announced on Monday that the Communists have demanded a meeting at Panmunjom on Wednesday to discuss "alleged violations" of the armistice agreement by the UNC.

The UNC Military Armistice Commission said that the meeting is scheduled at 2 p.m. The Communists charges were not revealed in advance.—United Press.

Kidnapped In Daylight



Coming out of a shop in Brighton one day last week, Mrs. Spencer Chan saw a man with a wrinkled face making off down the road with her 18-month-old son Spencer. She gave chase and when she caught up with the man he said: "I will give you £200 for him." Police are now searching for the kidnapper. Picture shows Mrs. Chan and Spencer after the incident.—London Express Photo.

3 Priests Charged

Buenos Aires, May 23.

Three Roman Catholic priests and 15 civilians were accused today of engaging in seditious activities, which included the printing and distribution of pamphlets defaming President Juan Peron.

All the accused were under arrest. A nineteenth person was sought.

The police charged the seditious pamphlets were typed and mimeographed in the parish church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The mimeographing machine used by the group was found hidden behind an altar of the church, the police said.

Two of the arrested priests were attached to that particular church. The third was said by the police to have made several secret trips to inland cities where the anti-Peron organisation had "branches."

The Reverend Rafael Fontanella and the Rev. Juan Arens were identified as two of the priests held. Among the arrested civilians are a woman, a printer, a student, three clerks and a chauffeur.—United Press.

Tension In South Vietnam

Fear Of Renewed Fighting

Paris, May 23.

Tension is growing between government forces and Hoa Hao politico-religious sect forces in the west of South Vietnam, the French Press Agency reported from Saigon today.

Some observers expected fighting to break out between the National Army and Hoa Hao forces shortly.

The Hoa Hao together with two other sects—the Binh Xuyen and Cao Dai—organised private armies in South Vietnam and challenged the authority of successive governments.

The Binh Xuyen have recently been quelled by the National Army, and uneasy quiet has been hanging over South Vietnam.

PLANES REQUISITIONED

Usually reliable sources said several planes belonging to local companies were requisitioned over the weekend to fly three National Army battalions to Soc Trang military and air base, 80 miles southwest of Saigon, the French Press Agency reported.

Other units were being sent by road.

The same sources said Army units had been ordered to seize every opportunity to eliminate Hoa Hao police and gendarmes posts in towns controlled by the Army.

Throughout the Western provinces the National Army was reinforcing town garrisons and generally reorganising its forces, the agency said.

At the same time Hoa Hao forces were reported tightening their hold on roads through the region.

MOVING RICE STOCKS

The French Press Agency said Hoa Hao General Tran Van Soui was reported moving rice stocks out of his headquarters at Caillon, near Cantho as a precaution against possible attacks against his headquarters.

In Paris, sources close to the French government reported that France had accepted the principle of a meeting of France, Britain, the United States and South Vietnam to discuss the Indo-China situation as proposed by the Vietnamese Premier, Mr. Ngo Dinh Diem. Mr. Diem had been informed of the French attitude.—Reuter.

BUS KILLS MAN

Wolverhampton, May 23.

A double-decker bus ran over and killed the engineer working on it at a depot here today, ran down a street across a main road and smashed into an unoccupied wooden store.—China Mail Special.

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GREEK PROTEST TO UN

Airmen Refused Permission To Leave Aerodrome ATHENS RECEPTION

United Nations, New York, May 23.
Greece protested to the United Nations today against restrictions placed upon 40 Greek airmen, who landed on Cyprus last Thursday on their way home from Korea.

Mr Christian X. Palamas, permanent Greek delegate, sent a letter to the Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, accusing the British authorities of showing "regrettable hostility" toward the fliers. They were not permitted to leave the Nicosia Airfield and were required to leave the island "most urgently" Friday morning, according to the complaint.

The letter contended that the Greek air unit, being a part of the UN armed forces in Korea, had been denied the respect and rights due it under international practice. It added that the action was a threat to the principle of UN collective security.

United Nations service, during the Korean war and a minute's silence was observed in memory of those killed.

(The Greek Foreign Ministry has protested about the "unacceptable treatment" received by the Greek airmen when they landed at Nicosia last Thursday).

(A British Foreign Office spokesman has replied that the Cyprus authorities were given less than an hour's notice of the arrival of the aircraft and the crews were not allowed to visit Nicosia as a Turkish youth celebration was in progress and incidents were feared).—United Press & Reuter.

"HEROES"

In Athens a "heroes" welcome was given to the Greek airmen when their wing of five Dakotas landed at Eleftheria Airport today.

The reception party, organised by the General Air Staff, included senior Greek officials and the families of the airmen.

Four of the original nine Greek planes crashed while on

French President Visits Denmark



The French President, M. Rene Coty, accompanied by Mme Coty, arrived in Copenhagen last week on an official visit to Denmark. The couple were received by King Frederik and Queen Ingrid at Copenhagen Harbour after arriving aboard the French battleship Jean Bart. Escorted by the Royal Horseguards the cortege are pictured here driving through Copenhagen City's cheering crowds. This is the third official French visit to Denmark. Last time was about 50 years ago. Mme Coty is the first wife of a French President to go there on an official visit.—Express Photo.

SLAVE GIRLS RESCUED

New Delhi, May 23.

The Government of Bhopal, a small Central India State, has rescued a number of "slave girls" from the harems of former landlords, it was disclosed today.

A large number of the "slave girls" lost in harems guarded by eunuchs and female guards, have had no touch with the outside world and are unaware of the changed conditions in democratic India and their fundamental rights under the constitution.

"Mankas," as these young girls are called, served in the big households of feudal chieftains and were purchased while very young. Oddly enough, they have a male counterpart called the "Billedars." These were used as grooms. If the master wills the Mankas are married off to Billedars. But they rarely get a chance to live together as husband and wife.

DOWRY

The Mankas for all practical purposes are treated like chattel and given away in dowry to look after the comforts of the chieftain's daughters.

This institution of "slave girls" was brought to light recently by social reformers who are agitating to put an end to this practice.

Here is a typical case: Gitabal, 23, bright-eyed and fair-complexioned, was given away while she was only four

in dowry along with her widowed mother some 15 years ago. She was later wed to a Billedar in her master's fortress. But she was never allowed to live with her husband. In sheer desperation she made an attempt to escape and was recaptured and tortured.

The incident was brought to the attention of Government officials. The Police, after a "miniature battle" with the chieftain's men, freed the girl along with her mother and younger sister and gave them protection.

Gitabal, dressed in a coarse red sari, told the Court that the chieftain, even after her marriage, had made several attempts to molest her. On her refusal to surrender she was "bitterly thrashed" and had her bones broken. She also revealed that although she was married to a Billedar she was never allowed to meet her husband.

20 YEARS

The chieftain, Arjun Singh, 32, was brought before the Court. He admitted that the three women were with him for the last 20 years, but denied the other allegations.

He told the Court that he had no objection to "letting all these three women go if they so wished." Earlier, the Police, told the Court that the chieftain's "army" resisted their attempts to enter his fortress. The chieftain's men were armed with rifles and other modern weapons. But when they saw that the Police had superior arms, they surrendered. The exact number of girls languishing in the households of various chieftains is not known. But it is believed there are hundreds of them.

Voluntary organisations are working with the Police in rescuing the girls. But it is a hard job looking for them.—United Press.

Appeal Against Death Sentence

Auckland, May 22.

An appeal is to be made against the death sentence passed last Friday on Frederick Foster, young British immigrant who was convicted of murdering a pretty 19-year-old theatre usherette.

Dr A. M. Finlay, Foster's counsel, said today the appeal for clemency would be supported by psychiatric and other evidence.

Foster, 26, of Birkenhead, Cheshire, pleaded that he had killed the girl, Shannon Dorothy Florence Skiffington, by accident.

He took a shotgun wrapped in brown paper into a milk bar intending to fire it near the girl, attract a crowd and get arrested when he would tell the court he was "guilty only of being in love."—China Mail Special.

Berlin, May 23.

More than 400,000 East German workers will get cheap holidays this summer at former hotels on the Baltic Sea which have been turned into holiday homes run by the Communist trade unions, the East German news agency reported.—China Mail Special.

TENSION HIGH IN SOUTH AFRICA Packing Parliament

Capetown, May 23.

Tension was high in South Africa today as the Lower House of Parliament began debate on the second reading of a Government bill dissolving the Senate and reconstituting along new lines.

The opposition Union Party declared that the Government bill was "illegal" and warned that "chaos" would follow the passage of the bill. Before a packed house, Interior Minister Dr T. E. Donaghe today moved the second reading. He said the Government needed the adoption of the bill in order to carry out its electoral mandate to remove coloured (half-caste) voters from the common roll and re-establish the sovereignty of Parliament.

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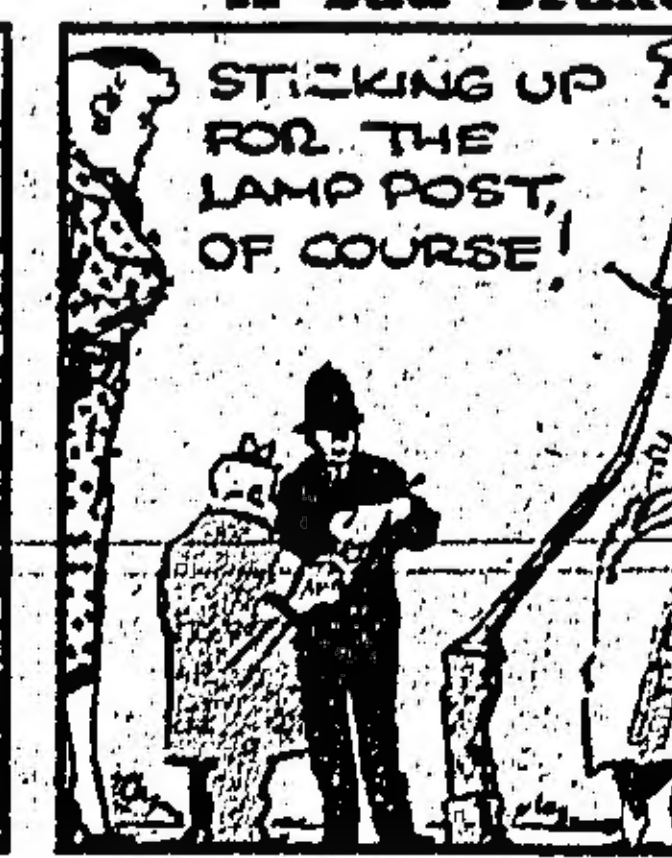
The Union Party has organised a nation-wide resistance to the Reorganisation Bill. Presbyterian churches, students and university teachers have come out publicly against the bill.—France-Press.

PARTING OF WAYS

Union Party leader Mr J. G. N. Strauss, opposing the bill, declared that South Africa was at a "parting of the ways."

The result of the Senate reorganisation would be to give the Government a two-thirds majority in both Houses of Parliament. This majority is needed for a revision of the South Africa Act to remove

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ANXIOUS MOMENT FOR THE FREE WORLD



ORSON WELLES

MR WELLES WAS ANGRY

Paris, May 23.

Actor Orson Welles played the leading role here today in a scene at Orly airport which he would have preferred to skip.

To avoid the gaze of an admiring throng in the waiting-room, Mr Welles was escorted by an official of the airline to an empty plane and settled down comfortably to wait for it to take off for London.

When the crew and passengers finally arrived, it was explained to Mr Welles that he was on the wrong plane and that if he stayed where he was he would finish up in Geneva.

Surrounded by officials seeking to placate his wrath, Orson dashed for the London plane but it was roaring down the runway for the take-off before he got anywhere near it.

He was offered the best seat in the next flight to London. He left the airport in great anger, proclaiming his intention to get to England by sea, as being a lot more certain at that.

—France-Press.

Parachutists Escape

Constantine, May 23.

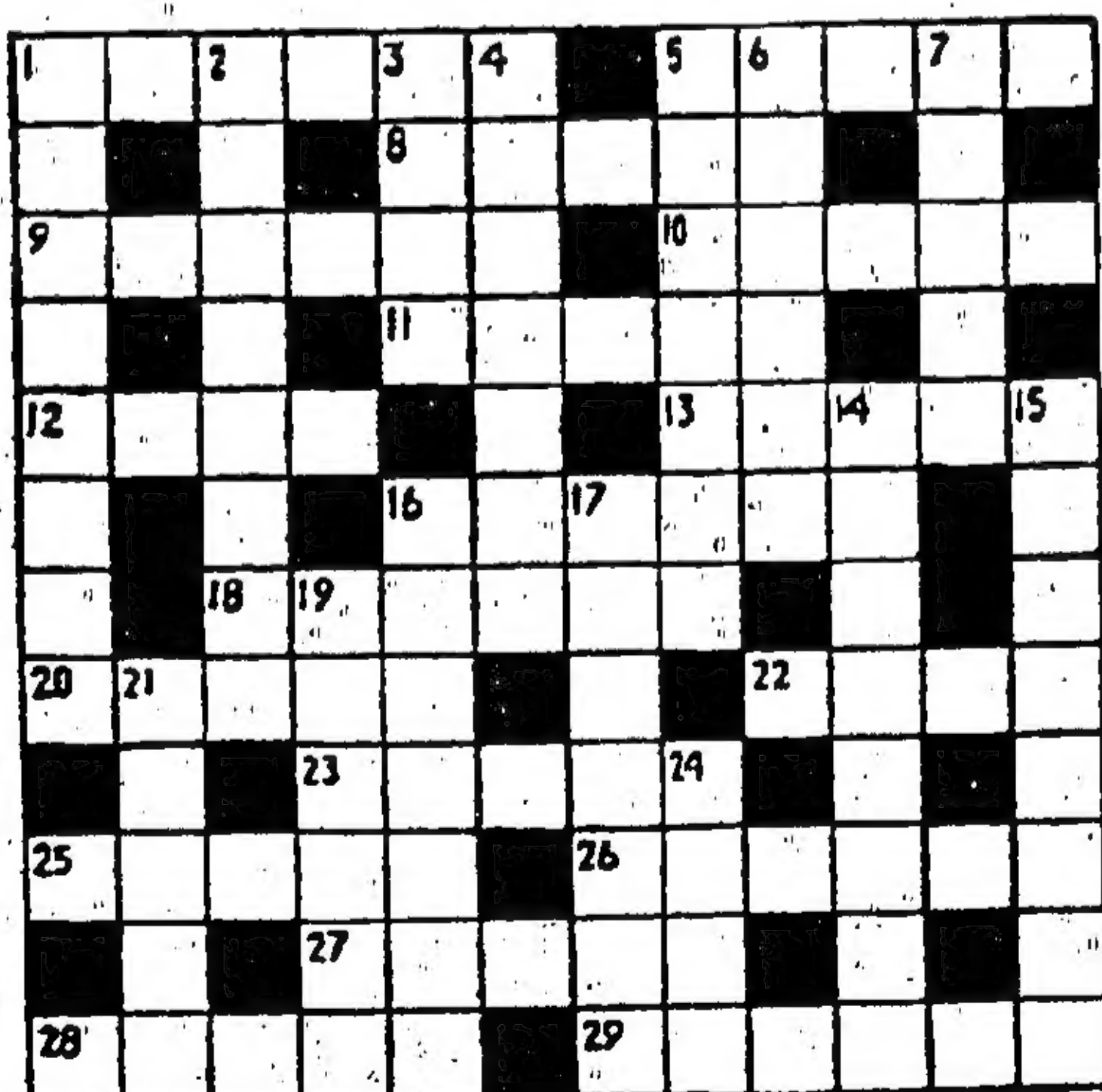
Six French parachutists captured by terrorists last February and believed for a time to have been killed, have escaped to French military posts, official sources disclosed here today.

Security forces have been trying to track down the parachutists' changing places of captivity ever since letters received by their families in France disclosed that they were still alive.

They were captured in an engagement on the southeastern end of the Aurès mountains.

—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Rift (6).
- 5 Cattle farm (5).
- 8 Tribal emblem (5).
- 9 Mercantile (6).
- 10 Protect (5).
- 11 Flead (5).
- 12 Deposited (4).
- 13 Fruit (5).
- 16 Elaborately adorned (6).
- 18 Minor (6).
- 20 Paid out (5).
- 22 Responsibility (4).
- 23 Laths (5).
- 25 Kind of fairy (5).
- 26 Large number (6).
- 27 Miss Garson? (5).
- 28 Portents (5).
- 29 Rigorous (6).

DOWN

- 1 Colonists (3).
- 2 Dreadful (8).
- 3 Animal (4).
- 4 Parents (7).
- 5 Orderly (7).
- 6 Lucky charm (8).
- 7 Ship's burden (5).
- 14 Intervening period (8).
- 15 Rubbish (8).
- 16 Grooms (7).
- 17 Annoys (7).
- 19 Flag (6).
- 21 Geometrical figure (5).
- 24 Withered (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Picked, 5 Erred, 8 Vent, 9 Asleep, 11 Capes, 12 Finish, 14 Test, 16 Notes, 18 Alert, 19 Ogre, 20 Litter, 24 Grill, 25 Aurora, 28 Erin, 27 Raged, 28 Nestle. Down: 1 Plan, 2 Call, 3 Even, 4 Deplet, 5 Etching, 6 Replete, 7 Desple, 10 Elder, 13 Manager, 14 Telling, 15 Stalled, 17 Order, 19 Obtain, 21 Tune, 22 Rout, 23 Save.



Over a model of the Mohne and Eder dams, Australian Flight-Lieutenant A. F. Burcher re-lives his last war exploit as he tells the story of the raid to Dr Barnes Wallis, designer of the bombs that wrecked the dams and paralysed Ruhr industry in the last war. Occasion was the premiere of the film "The Dam Busters" which tells the story of the epic.—Reuterphoto.

POLIO PROGRAMME

Scientists Make Progress

Washington, May 23.

A Government official said that scientists made progress today in reviewing the polio vaccine programme. No decision on its future is likely until tomorrow.

Dr W. H. Sebrell, Jr, Director of the National Institutes of Health, told reporters at a lunch recess there is "nothing to comment on now" on the fate of the vaccine programme.

Dr Sebrell said the meeting of experts to review tests of the vaccines safety was "going satisfactorily." He said experts from the NIH, the Public Health Service, and outside consultants were looking over a 11 technical problems involving vaccine tests. They also were reviewing information which Government experts obtained in rechecking production processes of the vaccine manufacturers, he said.

The Vaccine Advisory Committee of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis may meet with the group tomorrow, he said. Officials from the six manufacturing firms also scheduled meetings with Dr Sebrell's group.

SEVEN MAU MAU SENTENCED

Meru, Central Kenya, May 23.

Seven terrorists sentenced at an emergency Assize Court here today—one to death—pleaded they intended to surrender to the Home Guard when they were captured by security forces.

The self-styled Major Mbuchi was sentenced to death for being in possession of a home-made pistol and one round of ammunition and Lieutenant-General Suruli to hard labour for life.

Mr Justice Rodwell said Suruli was the obvious leader of the gang.

He sentenced five other men to ten years' hard labour each.

FORCED TO

The Judge said some of the men had admitted they left the forest because of heavy bombing raids by the Royal Air Force. He agreed with the Meru assessors that the men had not intended to surrender but had been forced to.

Sentences in this case did not mean that genuine cases of surrender would not be accepted and treated in the true spirit of the leniency, the Judge said referring to a prisoner who claimed he had seen the leaflets and carried out the instructions. Security forces have killed a terrorist leader who called himself "General Lion" and have captured another man known as "General Mamba".

In the dense Aberdare Forest five more terrorists have been killed since the start of "Operation Ginkgo" at dawn on Saturday, launched after the breakdown of mass surrender talks. Last week 68 terrorists were killed, 80 captured and 178 suspects detained. 28 terrorists surrendered during the week.

GERMAN PROBLEM

Russia Expected To Offer Two Alternatives

Bonn, May 23.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, is expected to elaborate the West German attitude to a Four-Power conference and the international situation during a big foreign affairs debate in the Bundestag (lower house) next Friday.

The debate is on a Social Democratic (Opposition) motion on a Four-Power conference to reunify Germany.

Dr Adenauer, who is on holiday in the Black Forest, is expected back by the middle of this week. After his return he will receive the West German Ambassadors to Washington, Paris and London, who have been recalled to Bonn for consultations on the forthcoming Four-Power conference at which West Germany will not be directly represented.

Neither of these alternatives, it is believed, stands much chance of acceptance by the West. Both Government and Opposition are unanimous in rejecting the "neutralisation" scheme.

Nor is there much danger, Government quarters believe, that the West German public will be greatly tempted by the prospect of neutralisation. The country's foreign policy had to date been too successful for West Germans easily to accept the risk of isolation and the breakup of their new ties with the West, these quarters believe.

NERVOUSNESS

Diplomatic quarters have recently noticed signs of nervousness in Bonn that the West might be tempted by Soviet offers into weakening support for West Germany.

But this nervousness, it was believed, is not seriously shared by Dr Adenauer.

Circles close to the Government are thus inclined to be pessimistic about the chances of an early East-West agreement on Germany but they believed that the eventual changes of such agreement would be greatly improved if a general agreement on the lessening of East-West tension on disarmament or atomic problems could be secured.

Dr Adenauer has discussed the first parliamentary measures to set up the cadres of the West German forces with his Defence Commissioner, Herr Theodor Blank, who called on him last week. He has also discussed with his advisers the formation of a Federal Defence Council, as a sub-committee of the Cabinet, of which he is to be Chairman.—Reuter.

INFORMERS' BODIES IN WELL

Dijon, May 23.

A wartime resistance leader told the police today the bodies of a man and woman found embedded in cement at the bottom of a well near here were those of informers shot in his orders in 1944 for betraying resistance workers to the Gestapo.

M. Louis Beland, a colonial infantry reserve captain who commanded "Madagascar" resistance group during the war, said the couple were thrown into the well after execution and about 30 sacks of cement thrown on top of them. The bodies are perfectly preserved.

The execution was carried out in his presence after an inquiry by regional resistance chiefs, he said. The couple, who have not yet been identified, came from the neighbouring village of Malain.—China Mail Special.

Blockade Subsidy

Berlin, May 23.

The West Berlin City Government allocated another 1,000,000 marks to pay Communist road tolls in the "baby blockade" of the city.

It was the fourth million-mark subsidy set aside by the city since the Communists imposed new road taxes on the East-West highway on April 1.—United Press.

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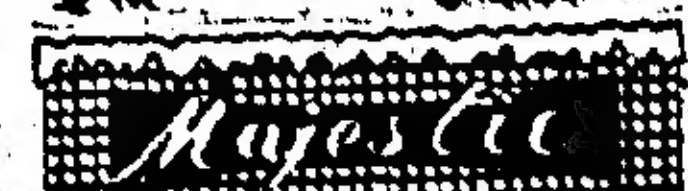
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NEXT CHANGE AT LEE THEATRE

The gilt is back...the jeeps are gone...the girls are graceful

REUNION IN VIENNA

By Sefton Delmer

THE chocolate-uniformed sleeper attendant knocked on the door. "Vienna," he said.

"He looked at me to see whether I had appreciated the full significance of this—its whole implication of 'gaiety, wine, women, waltzes.'"

Clearly in his eyes I had not. So he winked and repeated, "Vienna, sir, we are there."

Now, to tell the honest truth, I have never had much luck with this gay Vienna stuff on my previous visits here. Congress has always had a day off from dancing when I turn up. The gaiety has been either a matter of past glory—"Ah, you should have been here when..."—or it has been a matter of vague future promise—"Wait until..."

Glitter

HOWEVER, I immediately looked out of the sleeper window and I was staggered. There it was, a fabulous new station, "Vienna West."

All super-modern and functional with miles of glass, steel, concrete, and ersatz marble. Chromium and plate-glass sausage stands alternated with chromium and plate-glass bookstalls, chromium and plate-glass flower shops, chromium and plate-glass delicatessen stores. Marvellous. Marvellously Prussian.

Only one thing was lacking. In all this elegance not a single luggage porter was in sight. I had to hump my bags myself.

Gay Vienna? Gay enough, I must say, for those watching me struggle.

But it is an amazing transformation all the same, this station and the whole of this rebuilt Vienna which today awaits the new Vienna peace congress.

An amazing transformation from what I found when I arrived here for the first time after the war not quite 10 years ago.

The train that brought me here then from the Swiss

frontier was crowded inside and out with travellers. They stood in my carriage, in the corridors, and in the lavatories.

Every few miles the train was brought to a halt. The Austrian passengers were made to show their papers to the soldiers of the occupying Powers. First to the French, then to the Americans, then to the British, and then to the Russians.

Gleam

HOW worried and apprehensive they all were about those Red Army men. I can still hear the nervous chatter of relief which set in when at last the train got going again and the people in my carriage knew that this time at least they were safely through the Red corridor.

And then came Vienna itself. A horror of bombed and broken buildings and streets.

The Viennese in the streets looked like shabby beggars. And most of them were...

And here I am now in a Vienna refurbished, rebuilt, bigger, brighter, and more confident than ever it was when I visited it between the two wars. Yes, the gilt has been put back on Vienna. The marble fountains of the Graben Street gleam with a new coat of gold.

The gilt which had been peeling from the imperial monuments long before the British and American bombs were thought of has been restored.

Dazzle

ALL this is symptomatic of what has happened to the whole city. Where before there was only one skyscraper here, today there are five.

Dazzlingly bright new spires gleam from the freshly-tiled terraced roofs of the churches, rebuilt exactly as their medieval and baroque architects laid down.

Tram cars, new and freshly-painted in bright red and cream, trundle through the streets green with budding trees.

Everywhere there are cars, large, new, and modern. They have even replaced the famous Jeep, in which the inter-Allied police patrol the city—Russians, Americans, French, and British sitting stiffly and peacefully side by side.

The Jeep was not smart enough for the smart new Vienna. When one of the Western Powers is in charge of the city the patrol goes out in a bright cream Chevrolet, painted as though it were a gipsy caravan with the arms of the occupying Powers.

When the Russians are in the chair the police use a green-coloured Russian car, the best the Soviet Union can provide.

Delight

THE Viennese themselves? I sat in one of the new Espresso cafes—they are all the rage just now in Vienna just as they are in London—and watched the city workers coming out

of their offices and shops to catch their trams for home. To me they looked a remarkably wholesome, comfortable, and well-satisfied lot of people.

What delighted me were the girls. They seem to have adopted the latest Italian fashions in hair style and in dress, and they are wearing them with even greater grace than the Italian girls themselves.

Don't

GAILETY? Wine, women, and waltzes? I went on a round of the usual gay spots. I suppose it is my fault. But I didn't feel it was terribly gay.

In a wine bar I found the usual bright young couples doing Vienna-style boogie-woogie. Rattler rheumatically, it seemed to me.

No one was waiting, for no waltzes were played.

But don't, next time I visit Vienna, start talking to me of the happy, gay, and prosperous old times of the occupation. That would be more than I could bear.

For that is just what I fear.

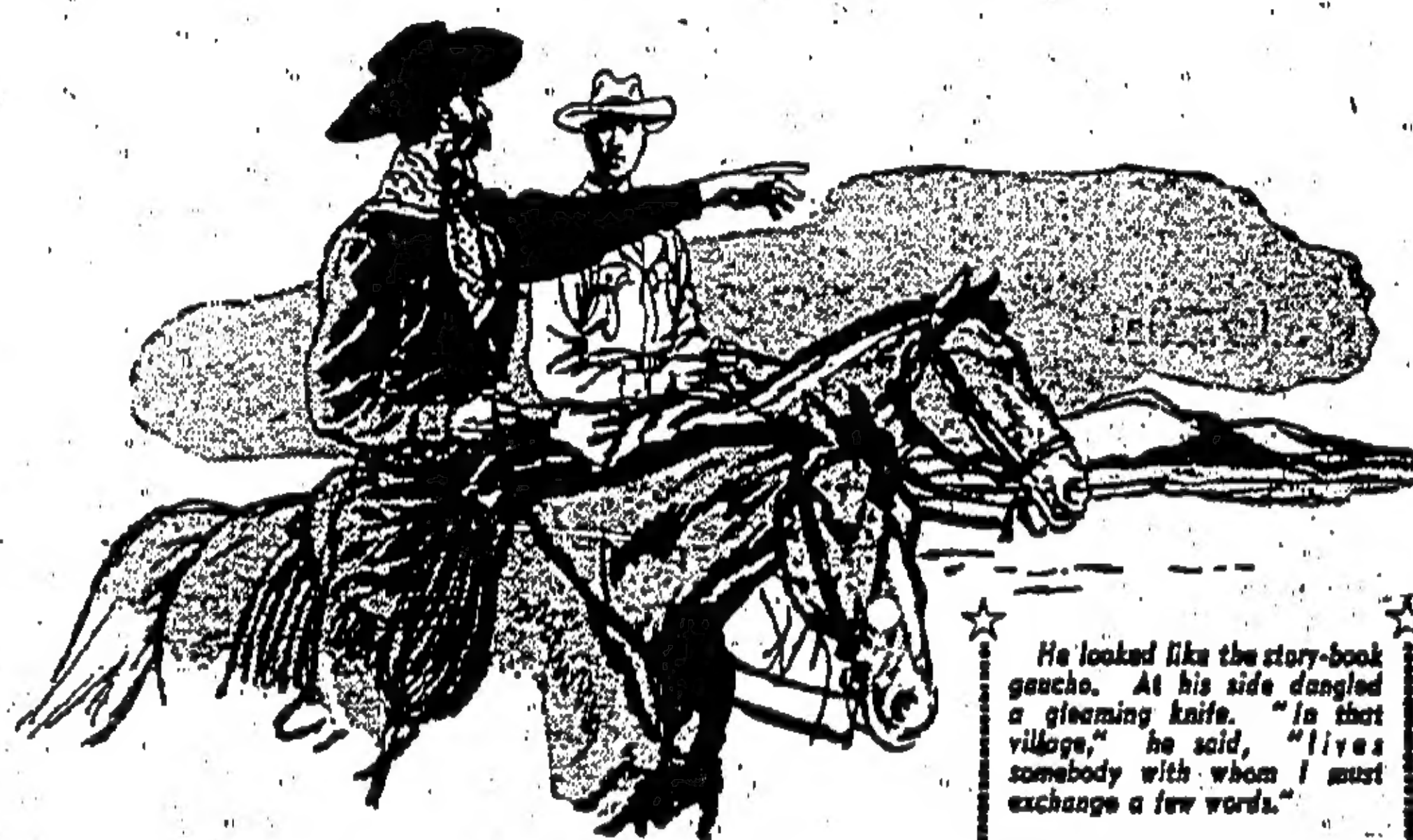


"IT'S NOT YOU SO MUCH, FAUNTLEROY, IT'S YOUR AWFUL GANG"

All dressed up and somewhere to go

SOON YOU WILL FORGET AND THINK IT NEVER HAPPENED, HE SAID. BUT IT WAS NOT AN INCIDENT TO FORGET... AND IN ANY CASE

DID IT HAPPEN?



A RINGSIDE ACCOUNT

THUMP, THUMP WENT THE MARCIANO FISTS FOR 8 ROUNDS, 54 SECONDS

By DESMOND HACKETT

San Francisco.

Don Cockell—boxing lion-heart of England—was savaged into defeat by World Champion Rocky Marciano in the ninth round here on the night of May 15.

It happened after eight rounds and 54 seconds of the most brutal, ruthless piece of fight fury I have ever seen.

You can hear empty beer cans clinking as plainly as you could hear the murderous fists of Marciano pounding into the unprotected body of Cockell during the seventh and eighth rounds.

And, finally, there were those 54 seconds of inhuman third degree which Cockell endured until Frank Brown stopped this butchery and let Cockell to his corner. He had to be led. He was a blind man. He had forced his battered bulk into some kind of upright position after taking a count of six.

But he was in some little red haze world of his own. He was unaware and trying to find his tormentor.

With a heart as big as his bulky, bulging, British frame, Cockell stubbornly refused to quit.

Cockell will never know how this fight ended. I am not quite sure myself.

SAVAGERY

The crowd were appalled by the savagery of Marciano. There was stillness in the chilled night as the final moments of drama were played out against a steel blue sky.

You could hear only the dull THUMP, THUMP, THUMP of Marciano's merciless fists—pounding their hate against this man who came to challenge him for his world heavyweight title.

The title Marciano loves only as he loves his own family.

And Cockell was still standing up, was still defiant, although Marciano had bawled for eight rounds and 54 seconds.

Marciano had butted, cuffed, elbowed, shouldered, hit low, hit after the bell—and never once had Cockell protested.

In England, under civilised rules, Marciano would have been disqualified after six rounds. But there it was, Round Nine and THUMP, THUMP, pitiless, THUMP.

Above that jungle beating there arose a murmur—above the frenzied cries of "Stop it!"

It was a murmur of admiration that rose into a spontaneous salute. A mixture of praise and unbelief wrung from the crowd who had jeered Cockell as a fat blubber boy set up for Marciano to slap down.

From the first minutes when the fighters were kept hanging around for all of a quarter of an hour, Cockell never once gave any hint of fear.

A honky-tonk kind of record played some burlesque of "Get Save the Queen" and Cockell stood proudly in attention. But he kept shooting shrewd, hard glances over at Marciano, who was dressed up in a track suit with a pixie hood.

There was nothing between the fighters in Round One, which was crisp and speedy for a heavyweight first round. Old Cockell was punching Marciano good and hard.

Cockell's bulk shivered like a jelly being carried to a table when Marciano clouted him with a left hook behind the left ear.

But Cockell came right back, had Marciano shuffling to regain his balance with a short right, and once again with an extremely solid left hook.

Already the crowd was admitting this Heavyweight Champion from England was no sacrifice for Marciano. I gave that round even.

HALF-INCH MISS

In Round Two he battered Marciano about the head with short lefts and rights that carried most of Cockell's fairly excessive weight. But Cockell does not carry a chloroform cloud. And a killer punch will beat Rocky.

There was one moment which drew long, awesome "Oohs" from the crowd when a Marciano right-hand punch missed its execution by half an inch.

I noted: "If only Cockell could keep this up." But Round Three was already suggesting that courage was not enough.

Cockell pounded his fists into the muscled, bronzed body of Marciano, then the Rock blasted. He nailed Cockell with a left hook high on the cheek. Cockell shook his head, his legs sagged. But only for a second.

Then he went right back into the mauling murder machine that was so remorselessly grinding in on him.

It was lucky for Cockell the round was ending. He was in trouble.

The fight from Round Four went according to the rules. Marciano thought up as he fought. He butted Cockell high on the forehead and opened a deep gash.

Marciano just kept coming in head down. You needed a matador, not a fighter, to deal with these wild-bull rushes.

That butt left Cockell dizzy and hazy. His defence was wide

open and Marciano was bulldozing in with elbows, wrists and anything that could do damage.

At the end of the fourth round, Manager Simpson pointed to the gash and signalled Referee Frank Brown—but without the least response.

Cockell was hit low TWICE in Round Five. This round, he must have known, was the beginning of a painful end.

If he did know, Cockell made no sign. He refused to give an inch of ground or go into cover.

Then Round Six, Marciano had just exploded a left in Cockell's ear that had sent him staggering back into a corner. Marciano's seconds rose calling for the kill.

Instead Cockell steadied himself and crashed a right hand to the head that sent Marciano back, back against the ropes.

It was one punch that—after the fight—Marciano remembered as the toughest he had taken.

It was that punch that reduced Marciano to the primitive man he is in desperate fight action. He hit Cockell low twice, jabbed him with his elbows, and deliberately hit him twice after the bell had sounded.

But did the referee rebuke Marciano? NOT ONE WORD.

When Marciano was butting Cockell like an angry goat in Round Seven, Cockell looked across at the referee. But there was no aid from that quarter.

It was now that the fight should have been stopped. Cockell had run out of everything but courage.

DOWN, DOWN

I hated every second of Round Eight. Cockell's helpless head sagged like a sawdust dummy. That was all he was—a huge dummy, but with a tremendous heart.

His wetted hair stood up in spikes as Marciano hammered on his head. Cockell went down near his own corner, battered down. He was pulling himself up by the ropes at a COUNT OF TWO when the bell went.

Those 54 seconds of Round Nine were Cockell's moments of glory and sheer hell. He was thrashed down for a COUNT OF EIGHT. He got up. Don't ask me how or even why.

Marciano's eyes slits of anger—continued his slaughter of this defenceless man until Cockell's oak-thick thighs bent, crumpled, and refused to hold him up any more.

This time a COUNT OF SIX. Cockell was up again. I don't think he felt that final right-hand smash. I only hope he did not.

Now it was over. Cockell had been annihilated by a man who knows no rules nor mercy.

I walked from the field with Marciano's manager Al Weill. He told me: "That boy took more than Louis or Walcott ever took. We couldn't make him quit."

And in Cockell's dressing room I learned why his handlers did not try to get the fight.

"I FIGHT ON"

Before he left to fight Marciano, Cockell said to his manager: "John, no matter what happens, you will not stop this fight, will you? I shall never fight for you again."

"That Marciano broke every rule and the referee did not say a word. But he did caution Cockell when he hit low in the sixth round."

"Damn it, we had to fight everybody. Marciano, referee—the lot."

Cockell refused to criticise Marciano, Don, who had only a forehead scar—and right eye swollen from mauling, said quietly: "He is all right."

"He does not punch any harder than anyone else I have met, but he punches so much more often and he just keeps on and on."

"I had set my heart on this fight. I thought maybe I would be the one British boxer to come to America and not be the good loser. Perhaps I can try again."

First stop for Weill was Cockell's dressing-room. He put his arm round Don, told him "You gave us our hardest fight. You can be real proud."

Cockell nodded, replied: "I still wish I could have won."

When the Americans tried to get Cockell to protest against Marciano's rough-house tactics, Don told them: "I have no beef. I wanted to fight some more, but it was hopeless. Marciano was more deceptive than I thought."

"He was hard to hit. And he kept on coming with his head below his waistline."

"Of course it would have been stopped immediately in England. The low blow did not affect me."

And then Simpson, stormed again: "There was no warning when Cockell was butted and had his head split. He never recovered from that."

"We will fight Marciano again—but only in England under English rules and with an English referee."

And Weill, who had listened unmoved to the outburst, told Cockell: "Get a couple more fights and we will give you another chance."

That must have been the last thing Cockell wanted to hear just at that moment.

I got my own back a little for England. In Marciano's dressing-room Rocky refused to pose for film cameras until he had carefully combed his hair.

called "Sissy," but the Champion only grinned. He is such a nice fellow outside the ring.

Marciano said: "I did not expect such a strong man. He sure is a durable fighter."

"I was hit 'really hard' in round six and in round eight when I hit him with all I had. I have never landed such heavy punches in any fight. I never did hit a man so hard."

When I asked how he felt pounding at defenceless Cockell in round eight, he eyed me sharply and said: "I just carry on fighting all the time. Cockell was there with his hands up—and he was looking at me."

Weill chimed in: "Champ did his work as usual. Now we are heading for win number 60. Remember, we have 48 in a row."

Marciano: "Think 50 would be easier."

Asked how he felt at the end, Marciano said, so seriously: "I was sure 'rain' to go." That magnificent savage really loves his fighting.

He candidly admitted about that gash on Cockell's forehead: "I must have butted him—accidentally." And on the famous nose: "It feels pretty good—well, just above the same."

Marciano was the first to leave the field and go back to his Bermuda Palms headquarters with his wife, Irene. She was quiet, but dry-eyed.

He told me when I said how well he had done: "I am only glad I did not let anybody down."

Early Entries For Melbourne Olympic Games

Melbourne, May 23.

A total of 41 countries, including Australia, but not including the Soviet Union, have already announced their intentions of competing in the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne.

This was learned here today.

Among those responding favourably to competing in the 1956 Olympic Games were Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Austria, the Bahamas, Belgium, Burma, Canada, Communist China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Iran, Israel, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, the Saar, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, the United States and Uruguay—France-Press.

EMPIRE CHAMPION



Ken Wilmsworth winning the Long Jump with 23 ft. 11½ ins. — 6 inches better than the meeting record, during the Sward Trophy Meeting at Chiswick. He won the Empire Games Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump Championships last year with 24 ft. 8½ ins. and 50 ft. 1½ ins.—Central Press Photo.

Drobny Will Have To Take That Appendix Out Sooner Or Later

Says FRED PERRY

Wimbledon Champion Jaroslav Drobny has had a worrying winter. After illness which dogged him for weeks, he returned to England from Nice last month to decide whether to continue playing, or take his doctor's advice and have an immediate operation for appendicitis.

His wife Rita put his health first, but, having had her say, left the decision to him.

Drobny consulted more than one doctor. There is no doubt about it he will have to have that appendix out sooner or later. But, after losses to F. Kovaleski in Cairo and W. Skonecki in Monte Carlo, rumours began to fly.

He walked off the court against Skonecki. That started the gossip. "Drobny was afraid to lose," "Drobny would only pick his tournaments, having made sure that none of the better players was competing against him."

When he was forced to withdraw at Nice after a particularly severe attack, the rumours gained momentum.

He was a worried man. A worried man is not a good player. As Wimbledon Champion he realised the prestige that had to be upheld.

The surgeon in Nice wanted to operate immediately, but was prevented by Drobny's weakness after a severe attack of dysentery. This close call scared Drobny. He returned to England.

The doctors decided he must have the operation—but not necessarily at once. His condition will not be affected by the strain of match play. He may get an attack at any time—in the middle of a hard match, or over a cup of tea.

When that attack comes, whenever it may hit him, he will go right on to the operating table and the boys with the knife will go to work.

TENNIS ALL SUMMER

He is now sure in his own mind that his tennis will not affect his condition, so the die has been cast—he will play tennis all summer. He will have the operation in either October or November.

Now that his mind is at rest from that angle, I am sure that his tennis will return to championship form.

He has lined up an ambitious programme until Wimbledon, Wiesbaden, where the entry includes Saksas, Larsen, Flann, Moren, Merlo and Gardin. Then

Hutton Near A Record

London, May 23.

Len Hutton, the Yorkshire and England batsman, has been appointed captain of the England cricket team for all five Test matches against South Africa this summer.

This means a break with tradition. In previous Test series at home, the England captains have been appointed on a match to match basis. Nevertheless, Hutton was expected to lead throughout the series barring illness and injuries.

Hutton will equal the captaincy record of Sir Donald Bradman, of Australia, when he leads England for the 24th time in the First Test beginning at Nottingham on June 8. Only Bill Woodfull, also an Australian, has led a team in more tests.

Hutton should pass this record of 25 when he leads England in the Third Test at Old Trafford, Manchester, in July—Reuter.

Yorkshire And Surrey Look Set For Two More Victories

London, May 23.

Charles Palmer, 36-year-old Leicestershire County cricket captain, followed up his devastating spell of eight wickets for no runs against Surrey by hitting the top score of 64 on the second day of his county's match against the champions.

But despite his great all-round performance Surrey are well placed to force a win with one day remaining. They require 126 more runs to win with nine wickets intact and the pitch is playing easy paced.

It was Surrey's giant pace bowler, Alec Bedser, who swung the game in the Champion's favour. Bowling with great accuracy he claimed six wickets for 53.

Tony Lock, Surrey's left arm slow bowler, took four for 41 to take his tally of wickets for the season to 35.

Yorkshire, sharing the Championship lead with Surrey, gained first innings points from Derbyshire at Chesterfield, dismissing the home side for 184 to lead by 88 runs.

Derbyshire looked like making a grim fight of it when they reached 104 for two but Bob Appleyard (five for 51) brought about a collapse.

While the South of England enjoyed one of the hottest days of the year the almost inevitable rain fell at Manchester to wash out play for the day in Lancashire's game against Hampshire.

A fine innings by Australian Jock Livingston of 88 not out, including 11 boundaries, enabled Northamptonshire to lead Middlesex by 180 runs with three wickets standing after gaining a first innings lead of only four runs.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Chesterfield: Yorkshire 272 for nine declared and 16 for one, Derbyshire 184 (Appleyard, right arm medium offspin, five for 51).

At Worthing: Essex 212 and 105 for eight, Sussex 183 (Frenn-Smith, right arm leg break, four for 40).

At Manchester: Hampshire 207, Lancashire 38 for two. No play today because of rain.

At Glasgow: Worcestershire 362 for four declared and 103 for no wicket (Keyson not out 61), Scotland 258 (Mendi 59, Aitchison 81, Horton, right arm offbreak, five for 52).

At Leicester: Leicestershire 114 and 185 (Tomkin 50, Palmer 64, Alec Bedser, right arm fast medium, six for 53, Lock, left arm spin, four for 41), Surrey 77 and 77 for one.

At Evesham: Northamptonshire 210 and 174 for seven (Livingston not out 88), Middlesex 206 (Robertson 68).

At Taunton: Nottinghamshire 325 (Clay 127, Stocks 92), Somerset 112 for seven (Tremlett 120, Hilton not out 61).

At Edgbaston: Glamorgan 205 for eight declared and 107 for three, Warwickshire 159—Reuter.

LEAGUE TENNIS

Craigengower Cricket Club in winning their third successive C Division Tennis League game yesterday at Happy Valley when they beat HKCC (1) by seven sets to two, served notice that they would be serious contenders to the title for this division.

Kowloon Tong (1) continued to display fine form as did South China and together with the Chinese Recreation Club teams, the fight for the title in this division seems likely to be between the above named teams.

Ladies' Recreation Club (1) came back into form in defeating Urban Council by seven sets to two.

The following were the results of C Division matches played yesterday:

CCC Beat HKCC (1) 7-1

Letlie Sung and V. H. Oliveira (CCC) beat G. H. P. Prasad and S. Prasad (HKCC) 6-1, 6-1.

C. M. Stevens 6-4; lost to J. G. L. Milne and D. K. Newington 5-6, 6-1.

S. F. Leung and S. W. Leung 6-1; lost to Pritchard and Fisman 3-6; beat Mahon and Stevens 6-3; beat Milne and Newington 6-4.

LCB (1) Beat Urban Council 7-1

Norman Cheong and S. W. Leung 6-1; beat Cheung and Lam 6-0; beat Cheung and Lam 6-0; beat Cheung and Lam 6-0.

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THE GAMBOLS

BUT YOU WON'T HAVE TO CARRY ANY PARCELS IF YOU TAKE ME IN THE CAR

WE'LL PARK HERE

THAT WOULD BE NO TROUBLE

NO

I'LL SEE IF THERE'S A SPACE IN EAST STREET

WELL, YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO CARRY THEM ON MY OWN ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE CAR

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Barry Appley

So Tender and Tasty

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Hung Hing-yuk, the KMB right back, heads away a centre from the left wing during a Kitchee raid in Saturday's CAAF Cup match between KMB and Kitchee at Caroline Hill. KMB won by two goals to one. Others in picture from left to right are Szeto Yiu, Wai Fat-kim, Chan Fai-hung (all of KMB), Kwok Yau and extreme right Tang Sum.—China Mail Photo.

Don't Underrate The Springboks, The Australians Made That Mistake

Says DENIS COMPTON

Wherever I go I am asked whether this is to be my last season in first-class cricket. Let me emphasise that I have no intention of retiring. The truth is that I very much want to play a good deal more cricket in England after this year.

My first thoughts this season are to help Middlesex to a higher place in the Championship, and, if wanted, to be at England's service against the South Africans.

And just because the South Africans have made an indifferent start to the tour, don't underrate them. The Australians made that mistake two years ago.

After they had been in Australia a month, Cheetham's men were being told that veterans like Dudley Nourse, Eric Rowan, and Bruce Mitchell should be down out as replacements for inexperienced members of the party.

A few weeks later, and without the need of those replacements, the Springboks were humbling Australia at Melbourne.

I know that the early form of the South Africans has been disappointing.

I know that a side with their undoubted reputation should have cut a better figure at Worcester and Derby. Yet, besides remembering the Australian lesson, remember that—

(1) The Worcester pitch, normally plumb and easy, this season took spin on the second and third days. On the last afternoon, particularly young Martin Horton, made the ball turn abruptly.

(2) Derbyshire have one of the strongest, and certainly the most accurate, set of bowlers in the country. Visiting Derby so early in the tour would be a tough assignment for any side.

Furthermore, the South Africans have run into icy winds and rain-soaked pitches. With sunshine, and firmer pitches, runs will start flowing from their bats.

DEFENSIVE TECHNIQUE

If the summer remains damp, however, they will have to tighten their defensive technique against the ball that "stays" and lifts and runs. Otherwise more trouble awaits them.

There is one cloud on my cricket horizon. It is formed by implied suggestions that English cricketers abroad are not always such good ambassadors for their country as they might be.

Now MCC conditions prevent players from commenting on the events of a tour for 12 months.

The last visit to Australasia comes within that ban—in any case this was a tour almost entirely without incident—but I am free now to talk about some of the events in the West Indies a year ago.

I do so reluctantly, not to revive old quarrels, but in a firm belief that an unfortunate impression of the behaviour of some of my colleagues in the West Indies remains in too many places in England. Twice in Jamaica incidents occurred which could be only

PHILLIES BUY BOB KUZAVA

Baltimore, Maryland, May 23.

The Baltimore Orioles today sold pitcher Bob Kuzava to the Philadelphia Phillies for an undisclosed amount of cash.

The big, 29-year-old left hander appeared in six games this season, winding up with an 0-1 record.—United Press.

construed as direct insults, first to England's captain, Len Hutton, and secondly to the manager, Charles Palmer.

The first came after Len had invited close personal friends to watch the Test.

Len had a tremendous amount to do and on arrival at the ground he asked me to look after his guests.

No sooner had I escorted them to seats reserved for the MCC party than an official, who knew me well, rushed up and ordered them out.

He would not listen to my protests that they were guests of the England captain!

The same official ejected a guest taken in by Charles Palmer, even though the MCC manager was sitting with his friend, a host to the MCC team on many delightful occasions.

The words used in each case were clear enough: "Get out!"

Then the Bustamante incident. Hutton was accused of being rude to Jamaica's Chief Minister when, on returning to the pavilion at the tea break after all day at the crease in the critical Fifth Test, he did not stop and talk with him.

ALL SET FOR A SET



Elizabeth Franks, 18, (left) and her opponent, the young South African player, Jean Forbes, seen before the start of their match at the Herga Open Tournament at Harrow.—Central Press Photo.

THE JUDY GARLAND STORY

"I WAS JUST ANOTHER GUMM... TILL A STAR NAMED ME GARLAND"

By MICHAEL RUDDY

"It's funny to talk about yourself as a little girl when you have two daughters growing up and a baby son to look after!"

Judy Garland, eyes sparkling, settled back in her bamboo lounge chair as we talked about... Judy Garland, the star whose come-back is the talk of Hollywood—and the world.

She began to hum "Over the Rainbow." I think her mind was going back to a snowy Christmas Eve when she was just three years old... singing and dancing on the stage of a small music hall in a Midwest town.

That night she piped five choruses of "Bells—And I'd have kept it up all night if Dad hadn't picked me up and carried me off. A born trouper!"

"I arrived when my sister Suzy was seven and Jimmy was five," Judy told me.

"My father (Frank Gumm was his name) had played for a boy—and I wasn't even a trouper!"

"But I don't think he was, somehow—we were always such great pals."

"He used to sing me to sleep every night and he lived to know that I had got my first Hollywood contract."

"But he never saw any of my pictures. He died a month after I signed for M-G-M."

"Father was a wonderful man, with a terrific sense of humour and a temper like a bomb."

NO LESSONS

"He met my mother, Ethel Milne, when she was the pianist in a Wisconsin theatre where he was singing and for years they toured the halls as Jack and Virginia Lee, Sweet Southern Singers."

"Then when Suzy arrived he bought a little cinema in Grand Rapids, with a little white wooden house in a big garden."

"My first two Christmases I slept in theatre dressing-rooms, practically in the travelling trunk, and when I was four, the Three Gumm Sisters became the Three Gumm Sisters."

"I was never taught what to do on the stage, I just DID IT. I still can't read music. I learn songs by listening to the melody—then I phrase the lyrics my own way."

"In 1927 we took a step in the direction of Hollywood—in the film business."

TOUGH LIFE

"In other words, Dad sold our Grand Rapids cinema and bought another in Lancaster, a little town on the edge of the Pennsylvania desert, about 70 miles away from the film city."

"We lived there for nine years and I can't say I was happy. It was so dusty and hot and barren. But we didn't spend much of our time at home, as things turned out. Dad's health was breaking, and with that and depression we were a real money-bag."

"So as often as not, the Three Gumm Sisters were away on the road, with Mother playing the piano for us."

"It was a tough life. Managers were a hard lot, and often they swindled us out of our money. But we got by. Mother never once wrote home for help."

"The Gumm Sisters, George Jessell happened to be on the same bill at the top of course—and he told us straight out that Gumm or Gumm, that was no name to be a success with."

"He suggested we call ourselves Garland—after a garden of flowers. My first name, Frances, didn't seem to go with that, so we changed it to Judy. And that's how Judy Garland was born."

It was as Judy Garland that she went to Hollywood where an agent named Al Rosen began to take her round the studios.

She had got an introduction through a song-writer, Lew Brown, who had heard her sing at a Clink Tahoe club and tried to get her signed up with his studio, Columbia.

Judy tried one studio after the other, but the talent experts didn't seem to know what to do with her.

They knew all about child wonders, but Judy was no Shirley Temple. She was a teenager with a voice, and nobody had ever thought of that sort of film-star before.

she was doomed to disappointment. For months she hung around the studios doing absolutely nothing.

Every week when she drew her pay she had an uneasy feeling that it couldn't last. By the time they found a part for her she was nervous as a kitten.

The first day on the set of "Love Finds Andy Hardy," she overacted terribly, stuffed her lines and nearly burst into tears.

It was Mickey Rooney, says Judy, who really put her at ease. Taking her aside, Mickey—fully all the while he had been clowning around in his usual way—grabbed her hands and whispered: "Look, kid, you've got to believe this. Acting is like singing. Make believe you're singing all this."

OBSESSION

But relaxing before the camera is different from relaxing in real life.

"When you're in Hollywood you think there's nowhere else in the world," Judy told me. "You love it and you live it—yes, your life is nothing but a motion picture."

"It was my misfortune that I didn't have any other interest. You look at everything and wonder—will this be good for my career? Before you even go out on a date, you ask—is this man O.K. for me, professionally?"

"Show business was all I knew when I came to Hollywood. And I've always been easily influenced—easily encouraged and easily discouraged."

How lucky for Judy that she holds five top cards in her hand these days... her husband, Johnny Luft, her children, Liza, Lorna and Joseph, and young Johnny, Luft's son by his first marriage.

However tired and despondent she may be, a few minutes' visit from one of the kids will send her, back on the set like a girl inspired.

When Liza's seventh birthday came round Judy organised a grand excursion and party for thirty children. She hired a bus and took them all to the Ocean Park Amusement pier... and to watch her going on the coaster and the divebomber and the dipper and everything else, you'd have thought she was one of the kids herself.

Then back home for ice cream and cake, and for the rest of the evening they all played games.

SPEED-UP And that week was the fastest-running week of the whole eleven months that it took to shoot "A Star is Born."

Judy was so happy and busy over Liza's party she just didn't have time to worry about herself.

There, have been people in Hollywood saying that if she didn't get an Oscar this year, she would never make another film.

That would be a great pity. For one thing is certain: after her great fight-back, the whole world is rooting for Judy.

TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM

Strike Downwards For Jump

I think the reason the Billiards Association once considered ruling out the Jump stroke altogether was that they were doubtful whether the cue ball struck the bed of the table before making its leap or whether it leapt into the air straight away. If the latter, of course, the stroke would automatically be a foul. But in practice no official ban on the stroke has been made, it is perfectly legitimate as long as you don't strike underneath the white ball to make it jump. Strike on top and so avoid damaging the cloth. The stroke is, of course, only possible when the cue-ball is about 2 ft. from the snookering ball.

Now look at the diagrams. In Diagram A you see the position I found myself in. By beginning with the Jump stroke I was able to clear the table, as you can see in Diagram B.

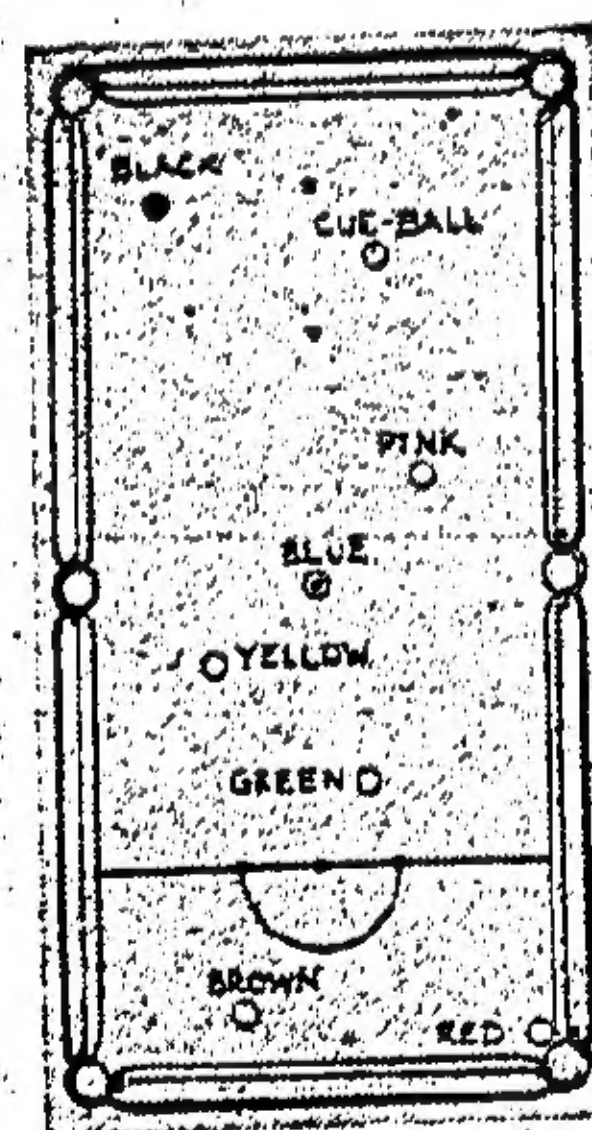


DIAGRAM "A"

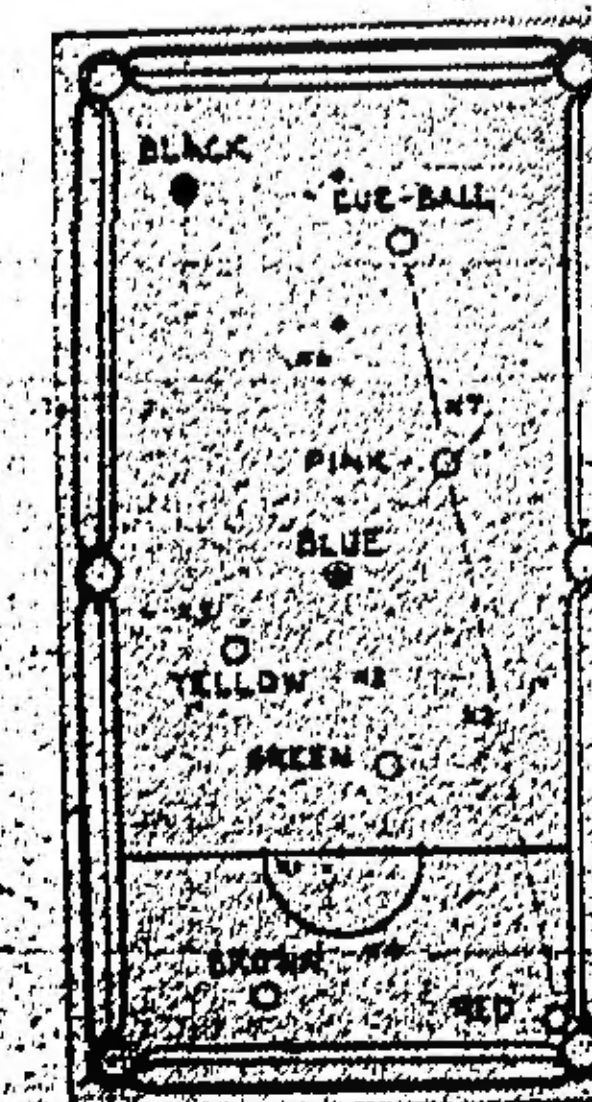


DIAGRAM "B"

With my bridge-hand upright, only the finger tips pressed on the table, I first raised the butt and then struck down on top of the cue-ball with much force. The white-ball leapt over the pink to strike the red lying over the bottom right-hand corner pocket. The cue-ball came off the bottom cushion and finished on the spot, X1.

Addressing the cue-ball below centre for potting the green into the bottom left-hand corner pocket, I used the screwdriver to gain position on the brown, X4.

Applying a little right-hand side to the cue-ball, I now potted the brown into the bottom left-hand corner pocket, the white ball coming away from the bottom cushion speedily enough to make contact with the bottom left-hand side cushion and finish in perfect line-up for the blue, X5.

Striking the cue-ball low for potting the blue into the middle right-hand pocket, I delicately screwed the cue position for the pink, X6.

The cue-ball was again struck low for taking the pink into the middle right-hand pocket and the result was a delicate screw into position X7 for potting the black into the top left-hand corner pocket.

ENOUGH SPEED I now potted the yellow into the middle left-hand pocket with enough speed for the cue-ball to come off the bottom left-hand side cushion for a nice position, X3, on the green, which had been replaced on its own spot.

Addressing the cue-ball below centre for potting the green into the bottom left-hand corner pocket, I used the screwdriver to gain position on the brown, X4.

Applying a little right-hand side to the cue-ball, I now potted the brown into the bottom left-hand corner pocket, the white ball coming away from the bottom cushion speedily enough to make contact with the bottom left-hand side cushion and finish in perfect line-up for the blue, X5.

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Men's "A" Div.: PRC v LRC; CRC(3) v CRO(1); KTGCA(2) v KCC(1); CSCR v CCR(2); CRO(2) v KTGCA(1); LRC v CCR; PORC v CCR(2).
Mixed "B" Div.: CCR(2) v Urban C.; CCR v CCR(1); SCAG v KCC.
Swimming Committee Meeting SCM Post Board Room 5.15 p.m.
HKAFA Inter-Club Sub-Committee Meeting HKAFA 5.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Men's "A" Div.: Urban C. v CCR; HKCC v SCAG.
Ladies "B" Div.: LRC(1) v CCR; HKU v KCC; SCAG v LRC(2); KGV v CCR.
HKAFA "CAAF" Cup match: South China v KMB.

THURSDAY

Men's "B" Div.: Berrie v KCC; LRC v CCR; SCAG v KTGCA; CCR(1) v CCR; HKU v CCR(2); RAY v HKCC.
Ladies "A" Div.: USBC(1) v LRC; USBC(2) v Berrie.
Dinner: Annual dinner of HK Cycling Association NAAAF, Club Ida.

MOTOR SPORTS CLUB SOCIAL TOMORROW

Members of the Motor Sports Club of Hongkong are reminded that an Informal Social Evening and Film Show will be held at the Mess Rooms of the British American Tobacco Co. (B.K.) Ltd. tomorrow commencing at 7.45 p.m.

The principal films which will be shown are "The Fifth Mexican Road Race" and "Tulip Rally", both in colour and featuring two of the major events held only last year. Advance reports indicate that both are really first-class films for the enthusiast. It is therefore hoped that all members will take the opportunity of attending together with their friends.

The film show is scheduled to commence at 9.00 p.m. and a buffet supper will, as usual, be available beforehand.

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purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors for the
Year ended 31st March, 1955,
and electing Directors and
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By Order of the Board,
MARTIN & CO.,
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Hongkong, 24th May, 1955.

NOTICE
THE SHEK O COUNTRY
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NOTICE IS HEREBY
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General Meeting of THE
SHEK O COUNTRY CLUB,
will be held at the Club
House, Shek O, on Wednes-
day, the 8th June, 1955 at
6 p.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Committee for the year ended
31st March, 1955 and to elect
the Committee for the ensuing
year.

Nominations for the new
Committee must be in the
hands of the Secretaries not
later than Wednesday, the
1st June, 1955.

Week-day members are
cordially invited to attend
the Meeting.

Members desirous of attend-
ing the ensuing INFORMAL
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By Order of the General
Committee,
MARTIN & CO.,
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Hongkong, 24th May, 1955.

THEY WANT A LITTLE PIECE OF RAY

Melbourne, May 23.
Australian bobby-soxers are literally tearing
to ribbons the clothes of visiting American stars
in a wave of hysteria which has surprised com-
munity leaders.

Johnny Ray, the singer, lost his trousers to a
crowd of hysterical girls when he tried to leave
his Sydney hotel on his recent Australian tour.

(Johnny also had another
narrow escape, at London Air-
port on Sunday night when he
was nearly stripped and smothered
by teenagers).

Frankie Laine, another singer
whose fans were highly less
exuberant than those of the
cry-singer Ray, was mobbed
every time he appeared.

Frankie Sinatra, after a first
burst of enthusiasm, got a more
aloof reception when he refused
to sign autographs and dodged
fans who announced that they
were ready to swoon at any of
his appearances.

But the cowboy star, Hopalong
Cassidy, nearly went down to
the junior set when he made a
personal appearance at a circus.



Johnny Ray, 28-year-old
American crooner, has an-
nounced his engagement to
Miss Sylvia Drew, 21-year-
old sister of Wimbledon,
Surrey. Picture shows Ray
with his fiancée.—Reuterphoto.

In Melbourne last Christmas,
Even mused elephants failed to
stop the charging youngsters
and police had to escort Cassidy
out.

Trumpeter Louis Armstrong,
singer Fitzgerald, the
inkpots singing group and other
top-name Hollywood performers
who have found money under
the Australian bright lights in
recent months, also report
enthusiastic reactions.

BRITISH STARS TOO
British stars, too, have made
the long journey to Australia to
meet enthusiastic audiences.
Ted Heath, the band leader,
made a successful tour with his
18-man band of most Australian
capitals and the Welsh
singer, David Hughes, has drawn
large audiences in his
theatre appearances in Aus-
tralian cities.

Hughes' wedding in Melbourne
to a London dancer, also drew
crowds of fans, who stopped
traffic on the streets outside St
Paul's Cathedral.

Of all the visitors, Johnny
Ray is the most enthusiastic
about Australian audiences,
and has suffered most at the
hands of his frenzied fans. He
told a Sydney interviewer: "No
other country has given me the
reception Australia has. Audi-
ences here are much warmer."

Explaining the behaviour
of the girls who tore his trousers
to shreds, Ray said: "I know
they don't want to hurt me.
They just want to have a little
piece of me."

According to Australian psy-
chologists, Ray's explanation
was correct. One explained that
the fans were trying to portake
of the singer's fame, to "get
into his aura."

COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL
Professor W.M. O'Neil, of
Sydney University, declared:
"Girls reaching late adoles-
cence form combustible mat-
erial on which publicity can be
made to generate hysterical ex-
citement."

"They are seized with an
urge to identify themselves
with him by owning something
belonging to him, his necktie, a

NOTICE
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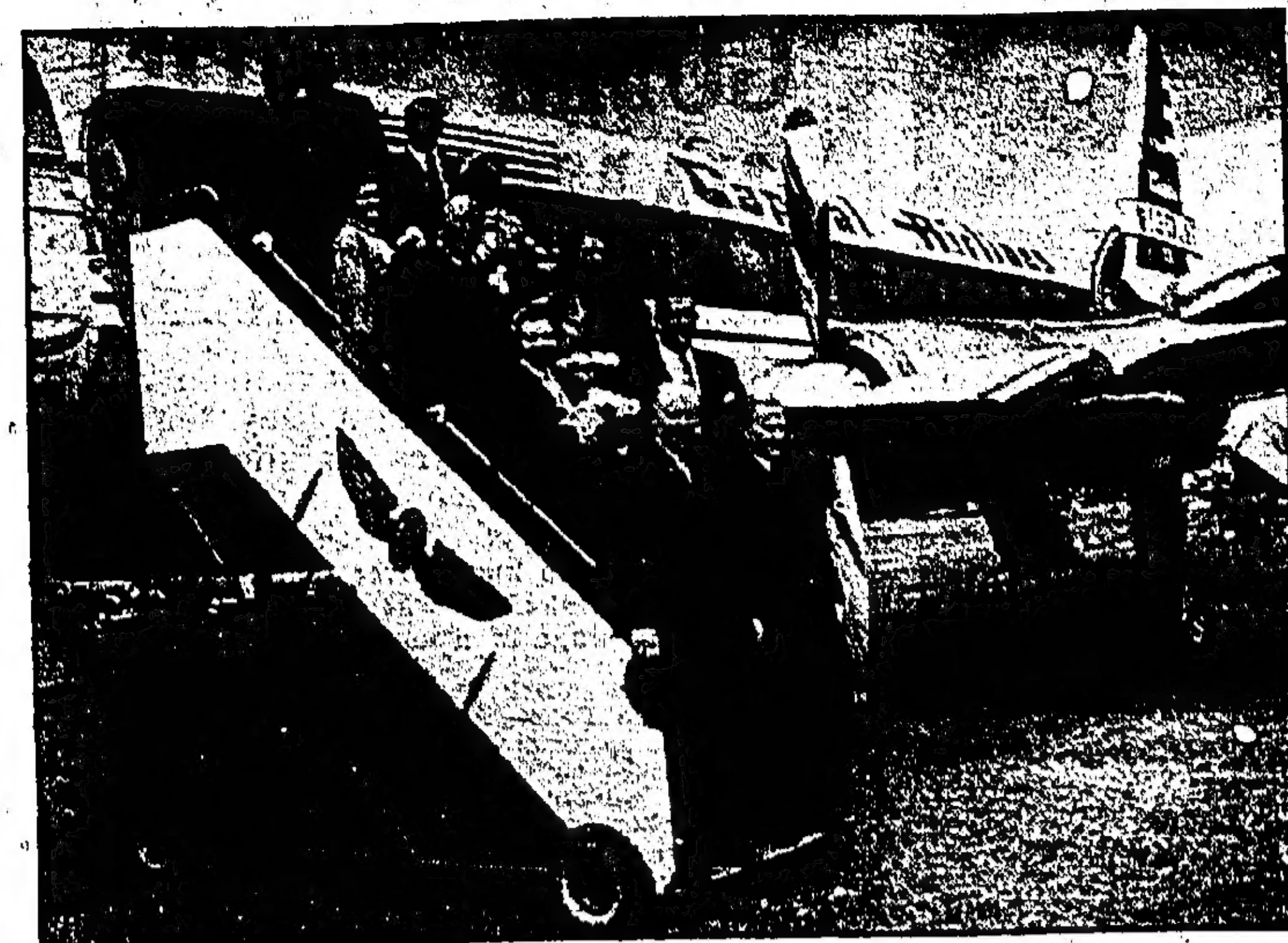
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US Cotton Consumption

Washington, May 23.
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bales of cotton were con-
sumed in the United States
in April compared with 659,
300 in the same month of
1954.

In its monthly report to
industry on cotton and lint
statistics, the Bureau said
6,716,153 bales were consumed
during nine months through
April compared 6,610,608
during the similar period a year
earlier.

Cotton on hand on the last
working day of April total-
led 1,812,825 bales in con-
suming establishments and 11,
189,378 in public storage and at
compresses. Comparative figures
for the same day of the previous
year were 1,729,370 and 1,749,
420.

The Bureau said there were
about 19,160,000 active cotton
consuming spindles in the
United States on the last work-
ing day of April.—United Press.

MORE NAVIGATION CHAINS TO GUIDE AIRLINERS

London, May 23.

The most important development in
the field of marine/air navigational aids
in recent years is the Decca Chain
System which was first used in 1944 to
guide the Allied invasion fleet across the
Channel.

Since the first permanent chain was
approved by the Government in 1947 for
southeast England, chains have been
established in Denmark (1948), Germany
(1952) and Central France (1953), as well
as in north and southwest England
(1951 and 1952).

Basically, the Decca System
consists of a master station and
three "slaves" designated Red,
Green and Purple. These
stations continuously transmit
radio signals which are dis-
played by the receiver on the
aircraft on three dials, or de-
code-meters, one for each colour.
Each dial shows a numerical
reading which is dependent on
the position of the aircraft re-
lative to the ground stations.

GRIDDED MAPS

Maps in the aircraft are grid-
ded with red, green and purple
lines numbered to correspond
with the decode-meters.

To find the position of a ship,
the navigator reads off the
numbers indicated by, say, the
red and green decode-meters and
notes the position on the map
at which the indicated pair of
lines intersect. This denotes the
position of the ship. With air-
craft, however, this process is
performed by the Decca Flight
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course on the map automatically.

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advantages over other cen-
temporary aids to navigation.
It can be used for low flying
aircraft and ships, since the low
frequency used is insensitive to
ground interference which
renders high frequency systems
ineffective below a few hundred

EVALUATION

The Ministry of Transport
and Civil Aviation, in their
evaluation report published a
few weeks ago, quote the
system as meeting the Inter-
national Civil Aviation Organi-
sation requirements for a short
range navigational aid to a
greater degree than any other
available system.

Recently, plans were an-
nounced for the opening of
further chains in Sweden,
southern France, northern Scot-
land and eastern and southern
India, and when completed
within the next year, this un-
rivalled navigational system will
afford an unbroken coverage of
1,500 miles across Europe.

TWA GIANTS

Howard Hughes' principal
stockholder of TWA, announced
last Tuesday the purchase for
TWA of 24 giant airliners of
new design at a cost of \$70
million.

The new airplanes, scheduled
for delivery in early 1957, re-
present a further advance of the
Lockheed Constellation, but are
designated by the manufacturer
as the Lockheed Star.

They will be the fastest long-
range airliners in the world.
Their all-out range, with fuel
reserve, will be over 8,500 miles,
with a top speed of 400 miles
an hour and a maximum
cruising speed exceeding 350
miles an hour.

TWA President Ralph Damon
said the purchase of the new
aircraft represents another step
forward in TWA's programme
to provide the public with the
most modern aircraft available.
Purchase of the 24 star giants is
the biggest single purchase of
commercial airplanes in the
history of the aircraft industry.

The new airplanes will per-
mit true all-condition, all-
weather east and westbound
schedules from New York to
London and Paris non-stop.
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speed, low-drag wing design, 27
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greater in area than the Super-G
Connie.

OTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Some of the other specifi-
cations of the Star:
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Super-G); wing span: 139 ft.
(123 ft. for Super-G); fuselage:
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exception of new-type CAA
"walk-out" emergency exits;
passenger capacity, 70 to 100
depending upon type of service;
engines: Latest RA-2 version of
24-3850 turbo-compound afford-
ing higher horsepower and
increased speed. Engines posi-
tioned 5½ feet further outboard
from fuselage than on Super-G,
thus further reducing noise
level in passenger compartments;
propellers: Larger in diameter
than on Super-G (new wing
higher above ground than
present models).

GUN BATTLE ON BORDER

Antwerp, May 23.

Smugglers in an armoured car
raced across the border of Bel-
gium and Holland in a running
gun battle with customs men of
both countries early this morn-
ing, and disappeared before they
could be caught.

Dutch customs men began the
wild-goose chase on wheels,
firing constantly at the
smugglers' car until it reached
the frontier, where Belgian
border patrols took up the pur-
suit.

At Rijkswijk, the firing was
so intense that local inhabitants
took refuge in their cellars.

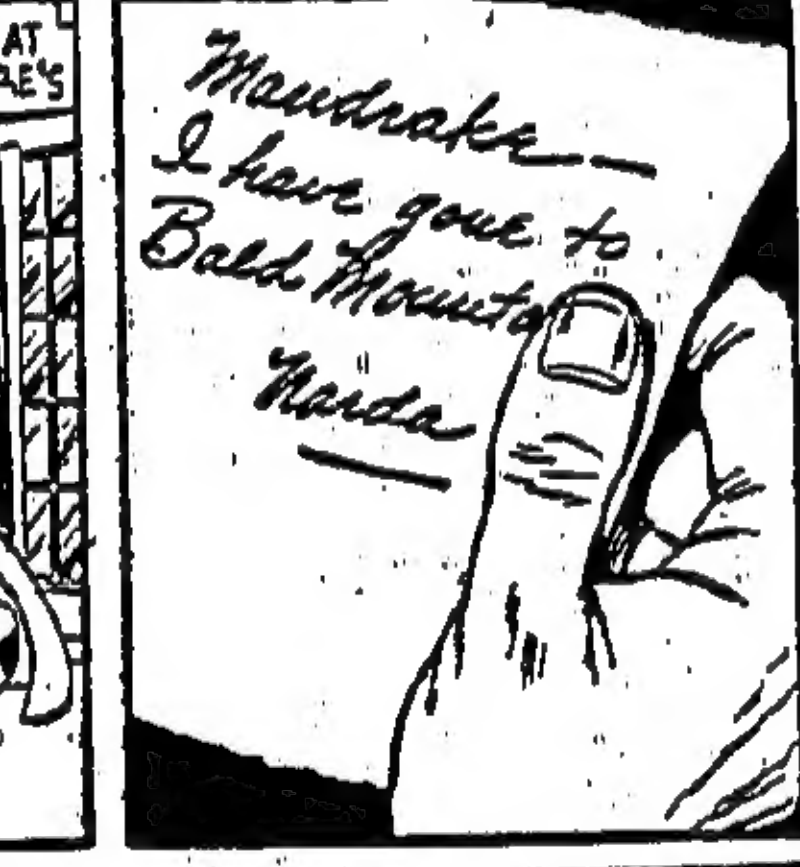
The smugglers' armoured car
smashed into a building. The
driver backed up calmly, and in
a hail of bullets, disappeared
into the night.—France-Press.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which
in general are earlier than the
G.P.O. times can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.
The latest posting times for
registered articles are generally
one hour prior to the times
shown below. Particulars regard-
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tained by enquiry at any post office.

TUESDAY, MAY 24
By Air
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain & Eu-
rope, 6 p.m.
Korea, 5 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
By Air
Indo-China, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, In-
donesia, Australia, New Zealand,
Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
Indo-China, 8 p.m.

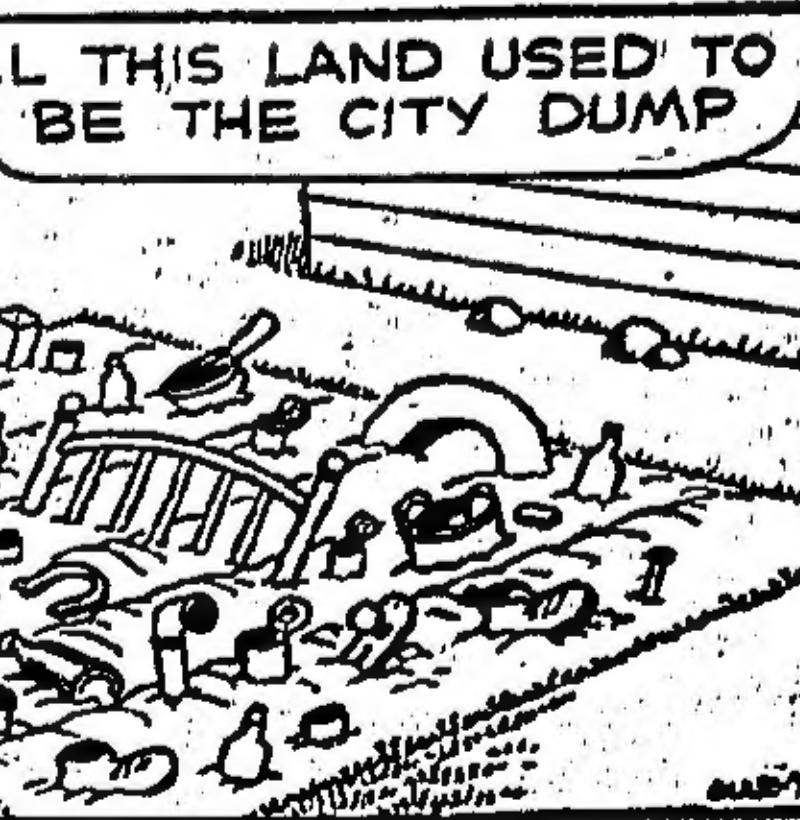
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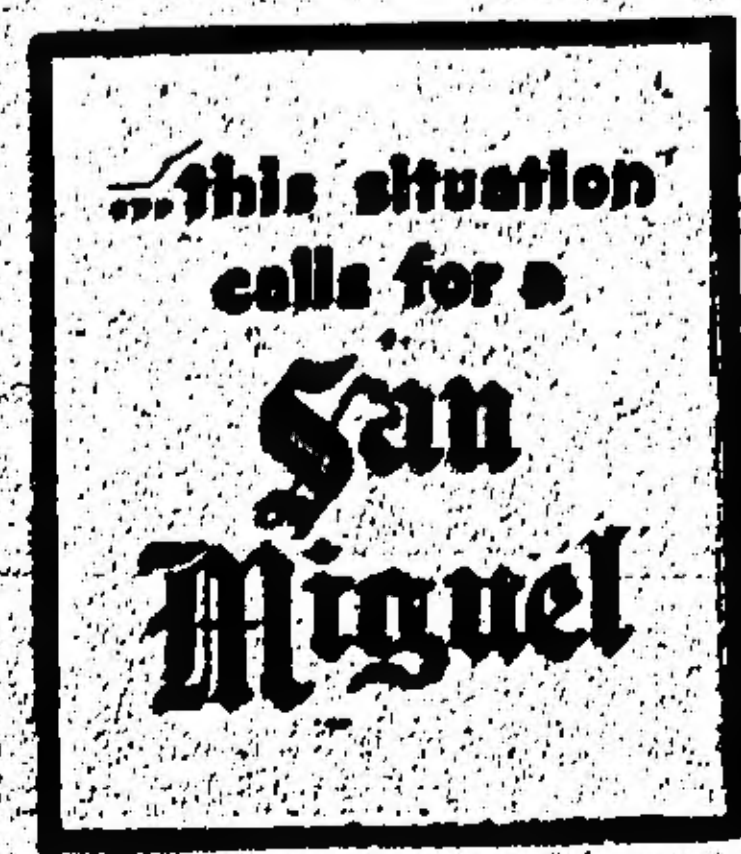
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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 23. Stocks gave ground once again today as market interest lagged and activity dwindled.

Prices fell a point or more in most groups, but the selling was without pressure, reflecting more a wait-and-see attitude in the absence of any fresh incentive after last week's three-day recovery.

Turnover amounted only to 1,900,000 shares.

Industrials as a group fell more than 2 1/2 points on average with steel issues coming in the steepest, followed by chemicals, metal and numerous special issues.

Rails dropped nearly 2 points in their average. Union Pacific slumped more than 2, Illinois Central more than a point and New York Central nearly a point in the group used in the average.

Utilities dipped fractionally.

STEELS DROP

US Steel and Youngstown Sheet and Tube lost almost 2 points each while Bethlehem and Crucible fell around a point. Losses in averages ranged almost 2 points in Douglas and Lockheed.

Chrysler fell a point in the motor. General Motors declined fractionally.

Oil issues ranged to 2 points in Standard of California. Among the most active issues, price movement was very narrow.

Black Truck topped the list with a gain of 1/2 point. The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was 3,354,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 710,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages:

20 industrials 420.32

20 utilities 153.59

48 stocks 136.82

40 bonds 99.71

Comm. future price index 154.23

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Alcoa Inc. 111

Allied Chemicals 111

Allied Mills Inc. 111

Alcoa Chemicals 111

American Airlines 111

American Cyanamide Co. 111

American Metal 111

American Smelting 111

American Tel. & Tel. 111

American Tobacco 111

Armco Steel 111

Armour 111

Baldwin-Lima-Ham 111

Bell & Howell 111

Bendix Aviation Corp. 111

Bentley 111

Bethlehem Steel 111

Boston Airplane 111

Borden (The) Co. 111

Burrhead 111

Canadian Pacific 111

Cash (J. I.) Co. 111

C. I. T. Financial Corp. 111

Chas. Nat. & Man. 111

Chile Copper 111

Chrysler Motors 111

Colgate-Palmolive Co. 111

Commercial Credit 111

Commonwealth Edison 111

Consolidated Ed. 111

Continental Oil of Del. 111

Continental Steel 111

Crane Co. 111

Crown Zellerbach 111

Cuban Amer. Sugar 111

Curtis Wright 111

Dupont de Nemours 111

Eastman Kodak 111

El Paso National Gas 111

General Electric 111

General Foods 111

General Motors 111

Gillette Safety Razor 111

Globe Co. 111

Goodrich (B.F.) Co. 111

Goodrich Tire 111

Rocket-Like Rise From 1954 Business Lows Continues

By JOHN MORKA

New York, May 23.

A bullish US continued its rocket-like rise last week from its business lows of 1954.

New records were being set almost every day. Unemployment is down. Factory output is at or about the 1953 record high. Prices are steady. A gadget-hungry America continued to spend at record levels. Production—in just about every segment of the economy—moves at a stepped-up pace to meet the rising demand for consumer and industrial goods.

World Cotton Markets

New York, May 23.

Narrowly irregular fluctuation accompanied an unusually slow trade in cotton futures today.

Closing on a mild rally the last finished 4 points higher to 4 points lower. Opening prices were off 2 to 7 points. New Orleans closed off one point.

Local traders, New Orleans interests, commission houses and the trade operated on both sides of the market in a small way while awaiting new incentives.

Beneficial rains over Eastern belt sections and generally favorable tenor of crop news kept rallying tendencies in new crop markets in check. Routine mill and shipper buying absorbed offerings in nearby markets.

A private crop survey today said while cotton planting this year, under Government restrictions, will be down to the lowest level since 1883, there appears a good possibility of record high yields so that production could approximate the 13-14 million bales harvested in 1954.

Cited reasons for the high crop possibilities included: The fact that farmers will use the best land; the lowest weevil infestation in many years and indications that farmers will fertilize liberally. "There is a very conscious effort on the part of cotton growers," the survey said, "to increase yield per acre sufficiently to negate or more than negate the smaller plantings."

Trading volumes, and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month Volume Open interest

July 20,000 324,500

October 10,700 479,000

December 14,200 514,800

March 8,800 220,300

May 6,200 231,400

June 2,000 122,500

Total 60,900 2,250,400 bales.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

July 34.80

Oct. 34.00

Dec. 34.20

Mar. 34.40

May 34.60

June 34.80

July 35.00

Aug. 35.20

Sept. 35.40

Oct. 35.60

Nov. 35.80

Dec. 36.00

Jan. 36.20

Feb. 36.40

Mar. 36.60

Apr. 36.80

May 37.00

June 37.20

July 37.40

Aug. 37.60

Sept. 37.80

Oct. 38.00

Nov. 38.20

Dec. 38.40

Jan. 38.60

Feb. 38.80

Mar. 39.00

Apr. 39.20

May 39.40

June 39.60

July 39.80

Aug. 40.00

Sept. 40.20

Oct. 40.40

Nov. 40.60

Dec. 40.80

Jan. 41.00

Feb. 41.20

Mar. 41.40

Apr. 41.60

May 41.80

Last week saw new statistical evidence to support what everyone has suspected for weeks—that the United States might well be heading for its most prosperous year in history.

The total value of all goods and services produced in the United States—the so-called "gross national product"—hit a record high in the first three months of this year. Industrial production "meanwhile" was climbing up to its near-record levels. First quarter gross national product, according to the Federal Reserve Board, was equivalent to \$370,000,000,000 over a full year's time. But the Board's factory production figure would indicate it climbed higher in April.

The surprising thing about the business rise, to some observers, is that it has taken place without benefit of any rise in Federal spending. Assisted only by a small rise in state and local expenditures, the advance has taken place almost entirely in the private sector of the economy.

According to the Cleveland Trust Company bulletin, the largest gain in the gross national product—rise of more than 4 percent—has been in spending for consumer goods. Construction has also advanced. And inventory liquidation has ceased.

The continued high and buoyant level of business activity has prompted some long-range speculation as to possible dangers in this rise.

"Is a new era really here?" asks the US News and World Report. "The idea is getting around that there is no end to prosperity," it adds.

Americans, it noted, are living high, spending as never before and going in debt for new and fancier gadgets. In summarizing the trend, the magazine noted:

"Once it was regarded as somewhat of a stigma to buy something that could not be paid for. Now it is a national habit to enjoy today the good things that industry can provide and pay for them out of income that is expected in the future."

"The idea is taking hold that the American family can be induced to keep on buying, year after year, and thus keep factories busy and the country prosperous."

All this might lead, the magazine added, perhaps to excesses, then a correction. But it adds, that's some time off.

"But for the months immediately ahead," it concludes, "the feeling is general that good times will prevail."

There were indications of some slowdown in orders being placed by the auto industry for summer shipment. But steel mills, instead of showing concern, appear to be wondering if the present annual steel capacity of about 125,000,000 tons is enough to absorb expected demand. According to Iron Age Magazine, most products will be in tight supply for the balance of the year. Where one pressure eases, another will take up the slack, it adds, with the economic recovery from last year's short-lived recession barely under way. In addition, foreign countries—notably European—are "literally crying for steel they can't get." Thousands of tons of export business are looking for acceptances, it adds.

Meanwhile, it added, inventory building will also help take up any sag in steel demand for months to come.

ELSEWHERE

The generally high level of retail sales in the United States is having a favourable reaction on import buying by American outlets, according to the Journal of Commerce.

The Business Daily's survey said that a record contingent of buyers is now busy in Europe and Japan signing up producers for merchandise designed especially to accommodate American tastes.

It estimated that US retailers will probably stock 10 per cent more imported goods than in 1954, with some executives thinking the increase will be considerably larger.

While Britain is expected to sell more in 1955, the Journal of Commerce survey noted some reports of other countries cutting in on British markets in the United States. As examples, it cited modern-style chinaware and lower-priced cutlery from Germany, better-priced gloves from Italy, and cheaper chinaware and crockery from Japan.

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Silver Prices Jump

New York, May 23.

Handy and Harman, bullion dealers, today raised the price of foreign silver in New York 0.09 cent to 90.25 cents—the fourth jump within the past week.

This brings the price of the white metal to the highest level in 35 years.

Industry experts said the series of price increases reflected rising demand in the face of a tight supply situation.

It is estimated that the current use of silver is running at 20 per cent ahead of 1954 when consumption amounted to 85,000,000 ounces. — United Press.

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JAP GOODS DEPRESS BRITISH ORDERS

Manchester, May 23.

Imports from Japan just starting to arrive in East Africa have already depressed orders for British goods, Mr. J. C. T. Dow Smith, senior United Kingdom Trade Commissioner for the territory, told a meeting of the Africa Section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce here today.

Mr. Dow Smith said that imports into East Africa, embracing Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar totalled £117,500,000 last year, of which Britain's share was between 43 and 45 per cent.

He said it was not yet possible to gauge the full effect of Japanese imports, which have been arriving following the Anglo-Japanese agreement. But they had depressed orders for Britain.

DEVELOPMENT

British engineers, however, were obtaining the bulk of Government orders in connection with large-scale development schemes.

In 1954 Lancashire exported 23 million yards of cotton piece goods worth £3,200,000 to the region but the future was uncertain because importers were waiting to compare Japanese prices with the expanding economy of Lancashire.

Good business in medium and better quality prints though the inhabitants were now also spending their money on radios and other goods apart from clothing, he said.

A substantial proportion of East Africa's textile imports was in grey, bleached and coloured cloth from India, Mr. Dow Smith added. — China Mail Special.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$1,988,253. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS HK Bank

